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SUBJECT: BUDGET ESTIMATES TABLED, UP OVER 1976-77

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA (GOJ) RELEASED ITS ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE YESTERDAY (APRIL 28). THE ESTIMATES, TABLED BY MINISTER OF STATE SYDNEY PAGON IN THE ABSENCE IN WASHINGTON OF FINANCE MINISTER DAVID COORE, PROPOSE A TOTAL 1977-78 GROSS BUDGET EXPENDITURE OF \$1339.7 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF \$213.3, OR 18.9 PERCENT, ABOVE THE APPROVED ESTIMATES FOR 1976-77 AND \$71.7 MILLION, OR 5.7 PERCENT, ABOVE THE REVISED ESTIMATES FOR 1976-77. GROSS RECURRENT EXPENDITURE WILL BE \$845.8 MILLION, AND INCREASE ESTIMATED TO BE ROUGHLY 8.0 PERCENT ABOVE THE REVISED ESTIMATES FOR 1976-77: GROSS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE IS PEGGED AT \$493.9 MILLION, AN ESTIMATED DECREASE OF 12.3 PERCENT

2. MAJOR ALLOCATIONS GO TO FINANCE AND PLANNING (\$385.9 MILLION), EDUCATION (\$197.0 MILLION), AGRICULTURE (\$118.1 MILLION), LOCAL GOVERNMENT (\$103.9 MILLION), HEALTH \$101.6 MILLION) AND NATIONAL SECURITY (\$90.2 MILLION). THE SMALLEST ALLOCATIONS ARE TO BE GOVERNOR-GENERAL (\$151,530) AND NATIONAL MOBILIZATION  
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(\$420,650). ALTHOUGH THE RE-STRUCTURING OF SOME AMONG THE MINISTRIES MAKES DIFFICULT ASSESSMENT OF CHANGES IN THE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS, THERE APPEAR TO BE FEW FALLS IN OVERALL FUNDS ALLOCATED AND FEWER YET OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE (LABOUR, PUBLIC SERVICE, AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE WERE CUT BUT ONLY MINING AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPEARS TO HAVE SUSTAINED A DEEP

AND SIGNIFICANT CUT). THREE MINISTRIES RECEIVED  
SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES OVER LAST YEAR: AGRICULTURE  
(99.1 PERCENT), FINANCE (44.7 PERCENT) AND TRANSPORT  
AND PUBLIC UTILITIES (157.7 PERCENT). OF THE \$179.0  
MILLION DESIGNATED FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES BY THE  
FINANCE MINISTRY, \$121.5 MILLION ARE EARMARKED FOR  
INTEREST PAYMENTS ON DEBT.

3. COMMENT: READ IN THE ABSENCE OF THE REVENUE  
SIDE OF THE BUDGET, THE ESTIMATES TELL US TWO THINGS:  
(A) THE MINISTRIES NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE  
EMERGENCY ECONOMIC PLAN ARE TO RECEIVE PRIORITY AND  
(B) THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE NO EFFORT TO  
RESTRAIN ITS SPENDING.

4. BUDGET DETAILS FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.  
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